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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Joy Novota <communications@montanafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2016 10:49 AM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** Professional Rules of Conduct, Rule 8.4(g)

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Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

In regards to public comment of the proposed new Rule 8.4(g) of the Professional Rules of Conduct for Montana Attorneys -

This prospective rule change must be rejected.

- 1 - The Supreme Court is over-loaded with court cases. You were not elected to determine personal beliefs of an attorney.
- 2 - This rule is an absolute violation of religious freedom guaranteed by our Constitution
- 3 - This rule is an absolute violation of freedom of speech guaranteed by our Constitution
- 4- In essence, if the Supreme Court rules for this change, you are indicating hate for Christians & their values. Political Correctness has created more hate & divisive confrontation in our country in the past few years than any other factor. You'll fuel the fire if you rule for this change.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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